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January 6, 2010

Matthew B. Weisberg, Esq. Consumer Justice Alliance 7 S. Morton Avenue Morton, PA 19070

Re: Blackwell v. State, et al.

Civil Action No. 09-3004 (GSB)

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Enclosed are the Initial Disclosures of defendants the State of New Jersey, DCF, DYFS, Commissioner Ricketts, Director Mozes, Parnes and Boehme.

Sincerely yours,

ANNE MILGRAM ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY

Bv:

Karen L. Jordan

Deputy Attorney General

c: Michael S. Mikulski, III



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Division of Youth and Family Services,
Christine Mozes, Kimberly Ricketts,
Debra Boehme and Barbara Parnes

By: Karen L. Jordan
Deputy Attorney General
(609) 984-2924

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY VICINAGE OF TRENTON

Renee Blackwell,

Plaintiff,

vs.

State of New Jersey

And

New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services

And

Christine Mozes, individually and in her official capacity as Director of Division of Youth and Family Services

And

: HON. GARRETT E. BROWN, U.S.D.J.

: Civil No. 3:09-CV-03004-GEB-DEA

: INITIAL DISCLOSURES OF : DEFENDANTS STATE OF NEW JERSEY, : DCF, DYFS, RICKETTS, MOZES, : PARNES AND BOEHME Kimberly Rickett, individually and in her official capacity as Commissioner of New Jersey Department of Children and Families

And

Dolores Helb, individually and in her official capacity as employee of New Jersey Department of Children and Families

And

Debra Boehme, individually and in her official capacity as employee of New Jersey Department of Children and Families

And

Barbara Parnes, individually and in her official capacity as employee of New Jersey Department of Children and Families

Defendants.

In compliance with <u>Fed. R. Civ. P.</u> 26, Defendants the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services, Kimberly Ricketts, Christine Mozes, Debra Boehme and Barbara Parnes make the following Initial Disclosures.

1. The names and addresses of parties likely to have discoverable information are plaintiff Renee Blackwell, defendants Debra Boehme,

Barbara Parnes and Dolores Helb, each of whom can should be

contacted through counsel. Jenine Blackwell and Denine Howell are also likely to have discoverable information concerning the information provided to and by the Adoption Registry and contacts

between Ms. Howell and members of the Blackwell family.

2. Documents in the control or possession of these defendants are the file of the Adoption Registry concerning Ms. Howell's request to locate her biological family and a statement that Ms. Howell gave to State investigators after she learned of Renee Blackwell's allegations against the State. These documents, bates-stamped DCF1 to DCF67, are attached.

- 3. These defendants have no computation of damages.
- 4. The State defendants do not have insurance applicable to the claims in this lawsuit.

ANNE MILGRAM ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY

By:

Karen L. Jordan

Deputy Attorney General

Dated: 1/6/0

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Monday, June 22, 2009 Last Update: 9:20 AM PT

Rape Victim Says New Jersey Revealed Her Name to Child She Put Up for Adoption
By TIM HULL

CAMDEN, N.J. (CN) - After a shocking surprise visit from a woman who claimed to be her daughter, an Atlantic City woman who gave a child up for adoption after being raped more than 30 years ago is suing the New Jersey Department of Children and Families for revealing her name and personal information.

The plaintiff says she received a letter from the department in August 2008 about a request for personal information from an adult adoptee searching for her natural parents. The plaintiff, RB, ignored the request because of "the traumatic circumstances surrounding the adoption and her utter surprise at being contacted," according to her federal complaint.

R.B. says she believed that New Jersey adoption laws prohibited the state from revealing personal information about her relationship with the child. But she says that about 4 months after she refused to respond to the request, a woman showed up at her home saying that she might be her daughter.

R.B. says she complained to the Department of Children and Families, which told her that because she had failed to respond to the written request, the department "more or less did what they had to do."

To make matters worse, R.B. says, the department told her that it had been in contact with her other daughter, whom she had never told about the rape and the child that had resulted from it.

"At no time did (R.B.) give authority to (the defendants) to release information regarding (her) address or family," the complaint states. R.B. adds that to do so violates the policies stated on the department's adoption registry Web site.

R.B. seeks at least \$1 million in damages from the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and five of its employees, for civil rights violations, defamation, invasion of privacy and negligence. She is represented by Matthew Weisberg with Prochniak Weisberg.

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Name

Denine Howell

Caller

Date of Inquiry 12

12/17/2007

Street

295 MLK Ave

City Morristown

State NJ Zip 07960

Home Phone

Work Phone (862) 778-2326

Extention

BKGRND

REGISTRY

FLOCATION

DOB 10/07/69

SEARCH

OTHER SVC

TARGET BNA

Blackwell

POB

Race Birth Parents

Adopted Parents Names

Emma & James Howell

STAFF IN bp

Birth Last Name

Adopted Parents City

Arrive A. Home

STAFF WK

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BMLNAME

Blackwell

Blackwell

Birth First Name

Denine

BMFNAME

Renee

Adopted Last Name

Howell

Adopted First Name

Denine

BFLNAME

BFFNAME

MEMO

Denine requesting search for birth family

8/11/08 search ltr to BM (DH)

11/13/08 no response from BM. Will send letter to sib though not sure she is aware of Denine's existence.

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12/1/08 sent 2nd tr to sib Jeanine to different address.

12/9/08 response from sib Jeanine. OK to share her phone # only. Called Denine to share news. (DH)

12/16/08 (bp) - Jeanine Blackwell called. Wants clarification of letter rcvd 12/1. Did not know she had a sister, and no one has called her. I then spoke w/ Denine who said that the #, 609.880.4740 is out of order. Odd, it worked for me, but continues to be "a non-working #" for Denine. Called Jeanine and suggested she call Denine.

12/16/08 - Renee Blackwell, B/mo., called 2 min later. Told her I had just spoken with Jeanine. The woman is irate. Through the roof. Claimed that someone (Denine? Yes.) showed up on her doorstep on Saturday. Wants to know how this person got her address. Assured her that this office does not give out identifying information without the consent of the person concerned. Ms. B went on to say that Denine was the product of rape, that her other children did not know, and we had no right to contact her daughter Jeanine. I pointed out to Ms. B that a letter was sent to her in August, asking her to contact us. Only after three months, during which she did not respond, was a letter sent to Jeanine. After receiving Jeanine's written permission, we have put her in touch with Denine. Ms. B continues to be furious saying that we had no right to invade her privacy and that her failure to respond to the letter in August was her way of saying that she did not want us to proceed. After considerably more yelling, Ms. B vowed to get a lawyer.

12/16/08 - Spoke again w/ Denine. She said she did not go to B/mo's home. "How would I get her address?" Told her that was my question. In any case, it was not her. She spoke w/ Jeanine and they will talk further tonight. Denine understands that Renee did not tell anyone about her and she respects that decision. "It is what it is." She has not been told that she was product of rape, and it should be noted that the record makes no mention of rape. A putative father was named.

Inquiry Report

Name

Denine Howell

Caller

12/17/2007 Date of Inquiry

Street

City

295 MLK Ave

Morristown

Zip 07960 State NJ

Home Phone

Work Phone (862) 778-2326

Extention

BKGRND

REGISTRY

FLOCATION

10/07/69 DOB

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SEARCH

OTHER SVC

TARGET_BNA

Blackwell

Race Birth Parents

Adopted Parents Names

Emma & James Howell

STAFF IN

Adopted Parents City

Arrive A. Home

BMLNAME

Blackwell

Birth Last Name

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Birth First Name

Denine

BMFNAME

Renee

Adopted Last Name

Howell

Adopted First Name

Denine

BFLNAME

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MEMO

Denine requesting search for birth family

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Sent to: Jeanine Blackwell Date sent: November 13, 2008

Division of Youth and Family Services Adoption Registry Release

This is to acknowledge that I have been contacted by the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services to determine my willingness to have contact with a birth family member:

family member:	
I agree to the following (check all that you agree	to):
The registry may release my name, address Please list address and phone #	and phone number
The registry may release my phone number Please list phone # 609-880-4	only 17.40
I agree to accept a letter from:	. This letter will be forwarded
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I agree to write a letter to: through the Registry office, without revealing my	neme or location
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Other. Please specify the condition(s) under	which you agree to have contact.
I do not wish to have contact with	(see attached)
I am not the person you are seeking.	
I do not know/am not related to the person	vou are seeking.
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If you are using this form to identify yourself as	the person I am seeking, please
enclose a copy of some form of identification.	
Signature And Blackwy	Return to: DYFS Adoption Registry
	Box 717 Trenton, NJ 08625
Date 12/08	att: Dolores Helb
Questions	? Call 609-292-8816
or (609) 9	
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Commissioner George W. Hayman

Search Form >> List >> Details

Offender Details

SBI Number:

000356318B

Sentenced as:

Blackwell, Sean J

Race:

Black

Ethnicity:

N/A

Sex:

Male

Hair Color:

Black

Eye Color:

Brown

Height:

6'0"

Weight:

325 lbs.

Birth Date:

April 20, 1964

Admission Date:

August 8, 2002

Current Facility:

Released from CJ-AT

Projected Max Release Date:

N/A

Projected Parole Eligibility Date:

N/A



1	Current Prison Sentence					
Offense	Offense Date	Sentence Date	County of Commitment	Commitment Order	Mandatory Minimum Term	
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Incarceration History			
Date In Custody	Date Out of Custody		
January 8, 1999 September 17, 2001			
August 8, 2002 January 3, 2003			

Aliases	
Blackwell, Jacob	
Blackwell Jacob, Sean	

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Criteria Chosen:

Last Name = BLACKWELL;

Disclaimer:

The purpose of the Offender Search Web Page is to promote public safety and welfare while providing community access t offender information, consistent with the spirit and intent of the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA).



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

New Jersey Adoption Registry PO Box 717 – CC#966 Trenton, New Jersey 08625

JON S. CORZINE

Governor

November 13, 2008

KIMBERLY RICKETTS

Acting Commissioner

Ms Jennine Blackwell 209 Erial Rd #6 Pine Hill, NJ 08021

Dear Ms Blackwell:

I am searching for the family of Renee Blackwell at the request of an adult adoptee in search of her birth family. Our records indicate that you may be related to this person. Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed form which can be used to indicate whether or not you are the person I am seeking, and/or if you are interested in pursuing this matter. For your convenience I have enclosed an addressed and postage paid envelope in which to return this form.

I am happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you might have and can be reached at (609) 292-8816. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dolores)Helb

OF NEW JERSEY
OF HUMAN SERVICES
H AND FAMILY SERVICES
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N NJ 08625-0717



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State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

New Jersey Adoption Registry PO Box 717 – CC#966 Trenton, New Jersey 08625

JON S. CORZINE

Governor

KIMBERLY RICKETIS

Acting Commissioner

December 1, 2008

Ms Jennine Blackwell 19 Franklin Dr B Maple Shade, NJ 08052

Dear Ms Blackwell:

I am searching for the family of Renee Blackwell at the request of an adult adoptee in search of her birth family. Our records indicate you may be related to this person. Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed form which can be used to indicate whether or not you are the person I am seeking, and/or if you are interested in pursuing this matter. For your convenience I have enclosed an addressed and postage paid envelope in which to return this form.

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Sincerely,

Dolores Helb



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

New Jersey Adoption Registry

PO Box 717 – CC#966

Trenton, New Jersey 08625

JON S. CORZINE

Governor

KIMBERLY RICKETTS

Acting Commissioner

August 11, 2008

Ms Renee Blackwell 2001 Columbia Ave Apt D Atlantic City, NJ 08401 CON .

Dear Ms Blackwell:

I am searching for a Renee M Blackwell, born September 12, 1945, on an important family matter. An adult adoptee is seeking information about, and possible contact with her birth family. Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed form which can be used to indicate whether or not you are the person I am seeking, and/or if you are interested in pursuing this matter. For your convenience I have enclosed an addressed and postage paid envelope in which to return this form.

I am happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you might have. I am in the office only 2 days per week (usually Tuesday and Thursday) but you can reach me through my supervisor Debra Rogers-Boehme at 609-292-8816 or via email at dolores.helb@dcf.state.nj.us. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dolores Helb

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Search Criteria: 145-36-5890

Search Results: We found 1 subject associated with the Social Security Number 145-36-5890.

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Search Method: SSN

Search Criteria: 145-62-1094

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295 Martin Luther King Avenue Morristown, NJ 07960-4047 973-449-3479 – Cell 862-778-2326 – Office

January 26, 2008

Barbara Parnes
State of New Jersey
Department of Human Services
Division of Youth and Family Services
P.O. Box 717-CC966
Trenton, NJ 08625-0717

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Dear Ms. Parnes:

Pursuant to our previous telephone conversation, attached please find the completed Adoption Registry Application. I would like the Adoption Registry of the State of New Jersey to <u>locate any biological family members</u>. In addition to the application, I have attached the following documents:

- 1. A letter from the Case Worker (Mary Ann Haxton) advising that the Home Study has been completed with a recommendation for adoption.
- 2. Copy of Birth Certificate
- 3. Copy of Passport
- 4. Copy of New Jersey Drivers License
- 5. Copy of Final Judgment of Adoption from the Morris County Court Probate Division- Morristown, NJ

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Let me take this opportunity in advance to thank you for your assistance in this very arduous process. I am hoping that this journey will open another chapter in my life or provide closure in a very sensitive matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Denine Howell

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BUREAU OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
3 SCHUYLER PLACE
MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY 07960

State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

BUREAU OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

HENRY R. HOLLENDER, CHIEF 163 WEST HANOVER STREET TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

December 10, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. James Howell 40 Ridgedale Avenue Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Howell:

We are pleased to advise you that your home study has been completed. We have forwarded the material to Trenton with the recommendation that your home be considered for the placement of a child. We will be in further contact with you if any additional information is requested. Please keep us advised of any changes in your situation.

As you know, there is no specific waiting period in terms of a child being placed in your home. We can assure you, however, that we will contact you immediately if your home is selected.

We would like to express our appreciation to you both for your patience and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Mary Ann Haxton Adoption Worker

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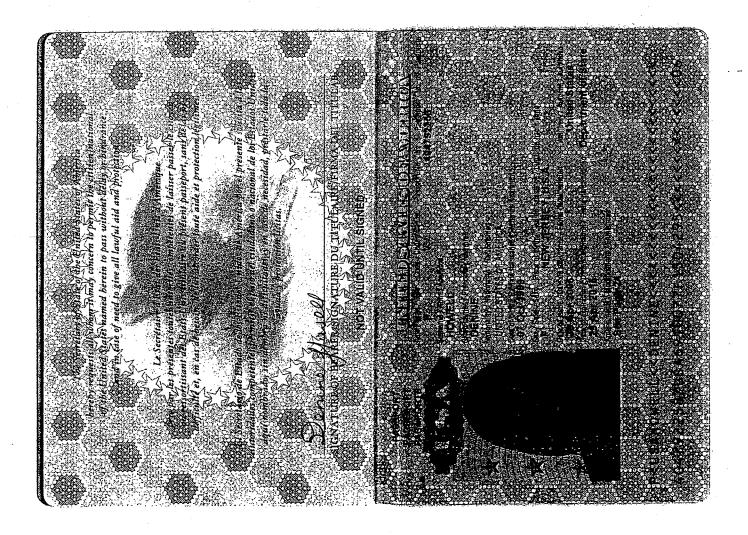
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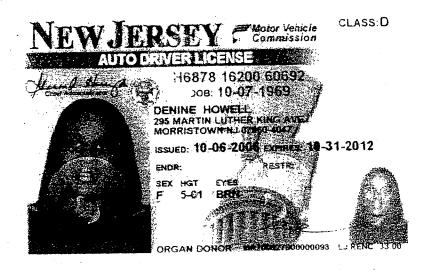
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JUDGMENT OF ADOPTION

OF A CHILD BY

James Willie Howell and Emma Jean Howell

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	BALK, JACOBS, GOLDBERGER & MANDELL 1180 Raymond Boulevard	
	FLAINTIFFS	
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-	OF A CHILD BY JAMES WILLIE OF A CHILD BY JAMES WILLIE OF STUDGMENT OF ADOPTION CORESTORY	
	Report filed by the Bureau of Children's Sarvices of the State	
	of New Jersey, and the evidence presented and being satisfied that the best interests of Denine Rischment the best interests of Denine Rischment	
	to be adopted who was horn October 7, 1969, in Atlantic City, New	
	It is on this 29th day of March , 1971, on Motion of Balk Jacobs Coldbonnes Coldbonnes	
	appearing), Attornays for the Plaintiffs, Anjungen:	
	1. The said Denine Blackwell be adopted by the Plaintiffs.	
	2. Upon the entry of this Judgment all relationships	

heretofore existing between the said Denine Blackwell and her natural parents, be in all respects at an end,

3. Upon the entry of this Judgment all right, duties and obligations of any person which are founded upon the relation ship heretofore existing between the said Denine Blackwell and her natural parents, be in all respects at an end.

4. The said Denine Blackwell upon the entry of this Judgment be known as Denine Howell.

5. Upon the entry of this Judgment the relationships, rights, duties and obligations, between the said Denine Blackwall and the Plaintiffs, har parents by adoption, be thenceforth in all respects as if the said Denine Blackwell had been born to them in lawful wedlock.

6. It is further ORDERED that the birth record of the said Denine Blackwall be and hereby is directed to be amended to reflect her name as Denine Howell, daughter of James Willie Howell and Emma Jean Howell, on October 7, 1969.

S/ Jacques H. Gascoyne
J. C. C.

DYFS Adoption Registry Office of Adoption Operations (cc 966) Box 717 Trenton, NJ 08625

Ms. Denine Howell 295 Martin Luther King Ave Morristown, NJ 07960

12/17/07

Dear Ms. Howell:

Enclosed you will find our Adoption Registry Application. Please fill this out to the best of your ability, and return it, along with a copy of some form of photo ID, to the address above. A driver's license or passport is the preferred form of ID. If you have neither, another form of identification that contains your picture and signature may be acceptable.

Upon receipt of your application, you will be placed in line for either a non-identifying summary of facts regarding your adoption, or for a search for a family member. Please let us know which you would like and, if requesting a search, please designate which family member(s) you are searching for.

Due to the heavy demand for our services, it may be as long as six months before the summary or the search can be initiated. If you should move or change your phone number during this time, please let us know. In the interim, if you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 609.292.5898.

Sincerely,

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Putative Pather: One, David Ross has been named an the elleged inther of Denine Vermon Blackwell. He reportedly was graduated from Atlantic City High School and is employed as a plumber.

He presently, is in Boston, Massachuretto. To realdence was stated as 730 Sevoli Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey,

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Eann Blackwell is a five year old male born on April 20, 1964 in deline meetaes with his mother at 615 Arctio

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Miss Bree Blackwell presently receives \$221 monthly on an Aid to Dependent Children Orant from the Atlantic County Welfere Board.

Property & Rone Known

Bank account and Other Assats - None known

Debts - Hone known

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ADOPTION STATUS

The shild penine Vernon Blackwell is available for adoption in that the wother alrued Surrender of Contact fores on Detaber to: 1969.

CASE NAME BLACKWELL Denine

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INTAKE SUMMARY

INTERVIEWS: On 10-8-69, worker made a visit to the Atlantic City Hospital. The mother, Renee Blackwell, questioned worker as to possible adoption blanning for her baby girl. Worker questioned her as to why she had not contacted our agency before now. Worker left a card for Miss Blackwell to contact the office. Miss Blackwell telephoned the office in the evening and requested adoption planning for her baby girl. Through a series of questioning, worker was able to see that Miss Blackwell evidently did not want to play the role of a mother and the house work mother and she had strong rejections for her baby girl. Worker accepted the application for child welfare services.

on 10-9-69, worker telephoned Mrs Juanita Fowler, Scolal Service Director at the Atlantic City Hospital. Worker arranged for a conference to discuss this matter in the afternoon. In the afternoon of the same date, worker discussed this matter. with Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Fowler agreed that since the mother had such strong rejection that perhaps the baby should be taken upon the mother's release from the hospital. Worker again interviewed the mother to eacure necessary information for intake summary and again to discuss the sudder decision for adoption planning.

On 10-10-59, the mother signed our Surrenger of Custody papers.

REQUEST AND PROBLEM. The problem is an unwed mother, who has given birth to three out-of-wedlock given birth to three out-of-wedlock children and new feels that despite having given birth to her third child, she does not want to maintain the child's bare of make any permanent plan for the child. It is therefore necessary for our agency to assume the responsibilities for the sary for our agency to assume the responsibilities. sary for our agency to assume the responsibilities for the maintenance of this child.

CHILD'S HISTORY: Denine Blackwell, Negro Memale, 18 Protestant and born in the Atlantic City Hospital on 10-7-69. Her birth was full torm and normal. She weighed 71bs. 12ozs. Her mother had breast fed her for the weighed 71bs. 12ozs. Her mother had breast fed her for the last two days. Worker discussed the mother's breast feeding the infant and desire to give it up for adoption. The mother requested a formula on 10-9-69. The yellow medical was completed requested a formula on 10-9-69. The at the time of her release from the hospital on 10-10-69. The pril was not given before release at it was not time for the pril was not given before release at it was not time for the pril was not given to the infant due to the number of hours test to be given to the infant due to the number of hours alone the baby had been born. Worker requested that Mrs. Since the baby had been born. Worker requested that Mrs. Since the baby had been born and the foster home mother secure the PKU test on 10-11-69. The willingly consented to take the infant for this test.

FAMILY HISTORY AND RELATIONSHIPS: Naturel mother - Renea Mary single and was born on 9-12-45 in Atlantic City, N. J. She is single and was born on 9-12-45 in Atlantic City, N. J. She is is a U. S. Eltizen by birth. Renee was the oldest of two chillies and stated that she had a very happy nome Life. Her dies and stated that she had a very happy nome Life pother made a life pas to supply her all the essential unince mother made a life pas to supply her all the essential unince that a child desires in condition, her ather was also in the home.

(now 1/84) CASE NAME CASE # A 230548 Renee has one brother, Wayne Joseph Blackwell, who is presently with his mother and Tather in Englewood, N. J. Renee 1s 5'8" tall and weighs about 1701bs. She has black hair, brown eyes and brown complexion. She completed high school at Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood, N. J. She completed the business course at her high schhol and had been employed in capacities such as clerk typist and bookkeeping. Miss Blackwell has two other children. One. Sean Blackwell birthdate 4-20-64 in Englewood, N. J. Jenine Blackwell birthdate 5-11-67 in Englewood, N. J. Miss Blackwell presently is maintaining these children and receiving public agaistance from the county welfare board. Wiss Blackwell is unemployed at this time, however she plane to seek employment upon her release by the doctor. Sean is presently attending kindegarden at the N. J. Avenue School. Both waxe of these children have the same father. Fred Lee, who resides at 113 Pallisade Avenue, Englewood THE PARTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY. Reputed father, David Ross, Negro, Protestant, single. Birthdate unknown. He was horn in Atlantic City and is one of four children. He resides at 730 Sewell Avenue Atlantic City, N. J. however he is presently in Hoston. Mass. According to Miss Blackwell he had a Lappy home life and appeared to have been very close to his family. Trade at Atlantic City High School. He is employmed in the capacity of a plumber. He is approximately 5.6% tall the capacity of a plumber. He is approximately 5.6% tall and weighs about 140 lbs. He has black hair and dark brown eyes, and his complexion is prown. Miss Blackwell receives financial assistance for herself and the two children. The putative father's financial ktatus is not children. The putative father's financial status is not known at this time. There were no relatives interested in maintaining the cere of this childs OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES: The AGWB is providing financial EVALUATION: The problem is a single sadult, who has given birth to three out of wedlock children, and feels that she tannot maintain her third child as she strong-Ty desires to seek employment and beckme eelf-supporting Ty desires to seek employment and beckme eelf-supporting without the use of public assistance from the ACWE. She strongly feels that this infant would barricade this effort strongly feels that this infant would barricade this effort at this time. She in addition feels that she cannot provide adequate care and make permanent plans. Worker discursed at length the proportions in birth control. ACTIVITIES AND ACTIVI The mother plans to make attempts to have her tubes tled. IMMEDIATE PLANS: To place this infant in the home of Mrs. Lills Robinson, 27 N. 3rd 24., Pleasantville, N. J. to await adoption planning,

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GASE NAME	BLACKWELL, Denine CASE # A 2305-4 PAGE 3
	Denine was placed in the foster home from the Atlantic City Hospital.
10/2/69	there are no problems. During her
11/12/69	Home visit. Dening is growing midely, there are mucous and eye scoretions, first week there had been quite a bit of masal mucous and eye scoretions, but these had cleared.
	GSP was granted for adoption planning.
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12/9/69	Sabin Trivalent #1, She Weighte 10 pomising the same same same same same same same sam
12/15/69	Home visit: Denine appears to be a very happy and good natured baby. She is adorable with large brown eyes.
12/18/69	by Brodaky for her adoptive medical. She was
	found to be in vary good meaning.
12/22/69	Worker was advised that the Tine Test was negative.
12/23/69	Material prepared for GSU.
1/13/70	Denine received DPT #2 and weighed 11 1/2 pounds.
1/19/70	Denine was sating when the worker arrived. She was very alert and was gently cooling. She had two fingers on her right hand in the mouth; The
	forter mother thinks and to the same and the
	Arrangements wave made for a vikit with prospective adoptive parents on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1970.
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	CONTACTS
	MVR's were made on February 11, 1970, March 20, June 24, August 27 and October 19, 1970. The case was then transferred to the adoption worker
	who made a home right herenced in the state of the state
	Howell and Denine were meen.
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the Howells, the Heyells purchased a home at 295 Eyergreen Avenue Morristown, N.J. The house has been re-decorated quite attractively. The basement is Timished and one the first floor is an enclosed front porch, a living room and kitchen. The dining room has been converted into a bedroom for Mr. and Mrs. Howell, who have the crib for Danine in this room for the present, but plan to move her to a bedroom on the second floor when she is a little plder. The second floor contained two bedrooms and bath. Mrs. Terry has one of the hedrooms on this level reservo anties will be

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On September 21, 1970, Mrs. Howell informed us that they were lenying for vacation in a few days to visit her mother and her bushand g mother. The addresses effet Hrs. Howell s mother is Mrs. Gladys Villams in Abbevilla, Georgia and her telephone number is area 912-467-3251. Any Howell's mother firs. Didelle Howell, lives at 912 East Westly Avenue. Lyons, Georgia. Her telephone number 1stered 912-525-8140 They would also be visiting Mr. Howell's brother Mr. George Howell who lives at 4850 N. V. 31 Avenue, Miami. Floriday. His phone is area 305-ME 4-9950. The Howell's expected to ... return about October 1, 1970 no. of new retire the sain

When the Howells returned by train they went immediate Norristown Memorial Hospital since Dening had developed a Hotrisone coudy - She was placed to a crown tent and remained in the compital approximately five days. She has had no health problems. A latter has been received from One Shew indicating she has had all her impunisations and that her health is good-

Denine is an unusually attractive little girl and has a smalling of outgoing and happy disposition. She was given a procession test by Dr. Goodkin on October 19, 1970, and was found to have appreciably above average intelligence. Denine eat alone five months, got her first tooth at eight months and at the time of the last home wisit was standing alone and attempting to walk a few steps along. She was edept at crawling upstates the mays "Da-Da" "yatwa" "Bye-Bye" and can play "pat-a-cake" She is a responsive child and shows absolutely no fear of strangers Teshe eats and sleeps well and the Howell's have been very pleased with her progress.

Denine received her rebells inocustion October 16, 1970 and has received three DPT shots, for three Brevelin Polic about and a measles immunization on April 21, 1970

At the time of the last home visit, Mrs. Howell expressed an interest in adopting more children. She would like to have a little sister for Denihe, but Mr. Rowell would prefer for have a little boy next. However, they do not plan to adop Fight away, since they feel they need to become some what a more settled financially before taking on additional children of Browell plans to continue working for a wille ver and abouth her sister make other plans there would be a need for her to work out other child cars amongoionts for Danine

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT OF ATLANTIC COUNTY
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF A PETITION FOR THE COMMITTMENT OF THE BUREAU
OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF BLACKWELL, Denine Vernon, FILEL BY
Hrs. Julia Taylor, Assistant Supervisor, ON October 30, 1769 BECAUSE
said minor is presently under the supervision of the Bureau of Children's
Services as a result of acceptance in care and it is in the best interest
of said minor that she be placed under guardianship for the reason that
adoption may be planned.

CHILD

BLACKVELL, Tenine Vernon, female, Megro, Protestant, infant. She is three weeks of age being born on October 7, 1959 in atlantic City Hospital, Atlantic City, New Jersey (verified by birth certificate),

She is illegitimate in that she was born to an unsarried mother and an unsarri

the adoution may be planted a Surrender of Gustody on Ostober 10, 1969 so

She strong)y wishes to seek employment and to better her economic situation for herself and two other children. She feels, therefore, that she seemed seemet seet this child's needs adequately.

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PCS Status: Hone in that pother nor siblings are known to but erenor

CHARCHABILITY

Atlantic County is chargeable in that it is the county of the mother's residence.

PARRIETS

Never Hary Discrell is a 24 year old Negro, Protestant female. One was

Bue is a citizen by birth.

Fire Blackwell is a single woman who has never married.

Fire Blackwell to be a school graduate presently receiving Public Applications for support of heracif and family. She would like to become self-supporting so that she may be able to meet her family a needs. Her family bonsists of Expectar children who reside with here Her physical and mental health is reportedly good.

Mich Blackwell resides at 619 Arctic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jerbay.

David Ross, putative father of Denine Blackwell, is a Regro. Protestant, and single. He was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey and his last known whereabouts was Boston, Massachusetts binthdate is unknown. He is one of four siblings and according to Mas Blackwell, he had a happy home life and appeared to be very close to his family. He was not aware of Miss Blackwell's

No. Ross completed 12th grade in Atlantic City and has been employed as a plumber. He is about 6" tall and helghs about 140-16s. He has black hair, dark brown syes and brown completion.

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VI. Child's History

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Chambers of John B. Dangler Judge



Courthouse P.O. Box 910 Morristown, NJ 07963-0910 (973) 656-4144

January 14, 2008

Ms. Denine Howell 295 Martin Luther King Avenue Morristown, NJ 07960

Dear Ms. Howell,

I have received your request for information involving your adoption. Your letter indicates that your reason for this request is simply to search out your biological family. I must inform you that all adoption records are sealed by law and can only be opened upon good cause being shown to the court.

For the reasons stated in your letter, I am unable to unseal your adoption records. I have however reviewed your adoption file and as you are aware you were born on October 7, 1969 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Judgment of Adoption was entered on May 29, 1971 and I am aware you already have a photo copy of the Judgment.

For some reason there is no docket number shown on the adoption papers in the file other than a Morris County surrogate court file number 2241.

Your request to seek out your biological family is not uncommon as many young adults today are doing the same thing. There has been established in New Jersey an Adoption Search Registry where a person may make a request through the Registry to see if their biological parents can be located and if they wish contact by the adopted child.

I note that you are already aware of this as apparently a form was faxed to Mary Ellen Grundy at the Surrogate's Office. I would suggest that you contact the New Jersey Adoption Search Registry (phone 609-292-8816) for further assistance.

I am returning to you photo copies of your birth certificate and of the Adoption Judgment that you had previously submitted when you wrote to my chambers.

John B. Dangler, JSC



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- · acting as the broker for contacts with the birth family members; and
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Because of the statutory seal on the court records in an adoption, as mandated in N.J.S.A. 9:3-37 et. seq., and the policy of confidentiality, DYFS responds to all requests for information from the child's adoption record in accordance with the parameters established by law.

Since DYFS and its various units are one entity, information from the adoption record may be shared by the ARC with any District Office that becomes involved in providing services to the child, his siblings, birth family or adoptive family. At no time is identifying information about the adoptive family shared. All records and information relating to the adoption proceedings are "sealed" and must be treated as such pursuant to N.J.S.A. 9:3-52. The information given to DYFS staff is confidential and is not shared outside DYFS without consultation from ORLA/DAG. If necessary, ORLA seeks advice from the Attorney General.

II Field Operations Casework Policy and Procedures Manual » II M Adoption Services » 1600 Adoption Registry Services to Adoptees and Their Families » 1603 Information Provided to Adoptive Parents and Adoptees 3-28-89

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Adoptive parents and adult adoptees are entitled to receive in writing all available information on the characteristics and background of the adoptee and the adoptee's birth family except:

- · information identifying the adoptee's birth family; and
- information that enables them to determine the location of the birth family.

Adoptive parents may request in writing current available information on their child at any time. The Adoption Registry Coordinator shares the information with them in writing with the same exceptions noted above. If the adoptive family prefers to receive and discuss the material in a personal interview, a meeting is arranged either with the Adoption Registry Coordinator or the appropriate ARC.

The adoptive parents of a minor adoptee must request information about the adoptee's birth family, in writing. The information is shared with the minor adoptee only with the adoptive parents' permission. If the minor wants a search for a particular individual in the birth family, the minor and the adoptive parents make the request in writing to the Adoption Registry Unit. The Coordinator conducts the search for the individual as requested. The consent of the birth parent or parents of siblings is obtained in writing before identifying information is disclosed to the adoptee.

If, in the Coordinator's opinion, records indicate that the health, whereabouts, or any other factor regarding the individual being sought are such that knowledge of them might be too disturbing to the minor adoptee, the information is discussed with the adoptive parents and a decision about continuing the search is made jointly with them.

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The Registry is a resource through which members of the adopted child's birth family can request that information about themselves be released to the adult adoptee when an inquiry is made. Whenever parental rights are being relinquished or terminated, the Worker should actively pursue both parent's willingness to be registered with the Registry. The Adoption Registry Unit maintains a record of those who have completed and signed a DYFS Form 14-206, Adoption Registry Application, permitting the release of identifying data to the adult adoptee. Because of the importance that this information has for many adoptees, the birth parents are encouraged to complete and sign this form, and to keep the Registry informed of other changes and new developments which may be significant to the adoptee. Any member of the birth family may add information to the Registry at any time, by sending letters or cards. These are filed by the Registry for release to the adoptee when he reaches the age of majority and requests the information. Adoptive parents of a minor adoptee, may also request release of this information to them.

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The adult adoptee has certain rights to non-identifying information about his birth family. See II M 1606 and 1611. DYFS offers as much assistance as possible to the adult adoptee, while at the same time using adequate safeguards to minimize the possibility of this creating difficulty for adoptive parents; and maintaining the confidentiality and privacy of the birth parents.

Written requests by adult adoptees for information and searches for birth parents/birth family members are made through the Central Office Adoption Registry Unit. If such requests are received by the District Office/ARC, the requests are forwarded to the Adoption Registry Coordinator.

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After receiving a written request from the adult adoptee for identifying information about his birth family, the Adoption Registry Coordinator examines the master files to determine if the adoptee was known to DYFS and, if so, what information might be available. If the record indicates that the person was adopted independently, the adult adoptee is given that information along with the name of the appropriate court. He is also advised that the Coordinator cannot pursue any further action without a referral from the court. When ordered by the court, the Adoption Registry Unit conducts an investigation, presents its findings and makes a recommendation to the court. Thereafter, if ordered to do so by the court, the Adoption Registry Unit releases to the adult adoptee, all pertinent information received while conducting the search. The following information, however, unless specifically ordered by the court, is <u>not</u> released:

- information identifying the birth parents and/or siblings, and
- information that would enable the adoptee to locate the birth parents and/or siblings.

If the adult adoptee requests current and background information about the birth family, but does not want to establish contact, the Coordinator with permission from the court, shares that information in writing with the adult adoptee. If the adult adoptee prefers that the information be given to him in a personal interview, the Coordinator arranges and conducts the interview.

If the Coordinator completes the search process and the birth parent cannot be located, the Coordinator advises the court and makes recommendations regarding the release of the identity of the birth parent to the adoptee.

If the birth parent is located, the Coordinator makes the initial contact on behalf of the adult adoptee and explores with the parent the adult adoptee's desire to contact him and his receptiveness to the request. Based on the parent's reaction, the following takes place:

- If the parent agrees to establish contact with the adult adoptee, the Coordinator, in a report of its findings to the court, recommends that the identifying information about the birth parent be released.
- If the parent does not agree to establish contact with the adoptee, the Coordinator asks the parent the reason for his reluctance so that the

- information can be conveyed to the court for use in making a decision releasing the information to the adoptee. The Coordinator tells the parent that there is a possibility that the adoptee will obtain identifying information from the court and prepares a report to the court conveying the results of the investigation and DYFS recommendations.
- If a search of the master files reveals that the adult adoptee is not known to DYFS, the Coordinator assists the adult adoptee in determining the agency that processed the adoption. The appropriate referral services are offered to the adoptee.

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The Coordinator attempts to locate siblings of minor children after receiving a written request from the adoptive parents. If the sibling being sought is a minor adoptee, the Coordinator contacts the adoptive parents who have the right to accept or reject any direct contact. A written agreement from the parents of the minor sibling allows the Coordinator to advise both parties of the names and addresses of the other. If the sibling being sought is not adopted, the adoptive parents are so advised and told that there is the likelihood that the birth parents may also be located during the search process. The Coordinator and the adoptive parents decide jointly whether to continue the search based on DYFS knowledge of the birth parents, the impact that knowledge of or contact with them is likely to have on the adoptee, and the adoptive parents' ability and willingness to deal with such contact if it were to occur.

If the sibling being sought is in a DYFS foster home, the Coordinator contacts the sibling's Worker. The Coordinator discusses with the Worker the current situation of the sibling and evaluates the impact contact with the adoptive parents decide if contact is in the best interest of the siblings.

DYFS discloses no identifying information regarding a birth family member without the written consent of the birth family member or the legal parents of the minor sibling. In the absence of written consent, a court order is obtain as prescribed in N.J.S.A. 9:3-52.

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Upon written request, the Coordinator attempts to locate siblings for the adult adoptee. If the sibling being sought is an adopted minor, the Coordinator contacts the adoptive parents who have the right to accept or reject any direct contact. A written agreement is obtained to allow the Coordinator to advise both parties of the name and address of the other.

If the sibling being sought is an adult and also adopted, the Coordinator first contacts the adoptive parents since they presumably would know the whereabouts of the sibling. They are advised that an adult sibling of their adult adoptee has expressed an interest in contacting their adoptee. The Coordinator requests the adult adoptee's current address if he no longer resides with the adoptive parents. The adoptive parents are assured that the Coordinator will be guided by the desires of their adoptee in proceeding with such contact. If the Coordinator is unable to locate or contact the adoptive parents, attempts are made to contact the adoptee directly using whatever leads that exist.

- If the adoptive parents refuse to tell the whereabouts of their adoptee or to arrange a contact between their adoptee and the Coordinator, the Coordinator advises them that DYFS will attempt to locate their adoptee through available resources.
- If the sibling being sought contacts the Coordinator and agrees to meet his sibling, the Coordinator advises both parties of the name and address of the other after receiving a written agreement.
- If the sibling being sought contacts the Coordinator and does not agree to a meeting, the Coordinator advises the searching sibling of the other's rejection of such contact and that he cannot be of further assistance in the search. The Coordinator obtains a written confirmation from the sibling being sought, stating his refusal to a meeting, for the case record, if possible.

If the sibling being sought is supervised by DYFS, the Coordinator decides about establishing contact after discussing with the supervising office if contact would be in the best interest of the minor sibling.

The child's present psychological adjustment, age, the previous relationship between the siblings, and any other significant factors are considered in the decision-making process.

If an unadopted sibling is being sought, the Coordinator attempts to establish contact with the sibling. However, the adult adoptee is advised that in the

searching process, the possibility exists that the birth parents may be located or involved with the sibling being sought. The adult adoptee is free to decide whether or not to continue the search.

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If the birth parent or other members of the adoptee's birth family contact DYFS in writing to secure information about the adoption of the child, the Coordinator:

- confirms whether or not the child was adopted; and
- describes the social characteristics of the adoptive family without sharing identifying information about the child or family.

The Adoption Registry Coordinator sends a DYFS Form 14-206, Adoption Registry Application, to the birth family member if one is not on file. The birth family member is encouraged by the Coordinator to complete, sign and return the form to the Adoption Registry with any other pertinent information about the birth family (e.g. additional family members, medical history, etc.). The birth family member is advised that DYFS will not search for the adoptee on their behalf but will place the Adoption Registry Application along with any other information submitted in the child's case record and the Authorization for Release of Adoption Registry Information. The information will be released by the Coordinator to the adult adoptee upon written request. Significant medical information is given to the adoptive parents as it is received from the birth family.

II Field Operations Casework Policy and Procedures Manual » II M Adoption Services » 1600 Adoption Registry Services to Adoptees and Their Families » 1611 Requests to Locate Birth Parents from Adults Who Were Surrendered for Adoption but Never Adopted 3-28-89

1611 Requests to Locate Birth Parents from Adults Who Were Surrendered for Adoption but Never Adopted 3-28-

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If DYFS records show that the birth parents were aware that the surrendered child was not adopted, the Coordinator shares all available information with the person making the inquiry after receiving a written request. Since there was no adoption, there is no statutory seal prohibiting the release of information.

However, if DYFS records indicate there was no contact with the birth parents following the surrender of the child, and they might logically assume that the child had been adopted, the Coordinator initially responds to the request as if it were from an adult adoptee.

- After a search by the Coordinator, if the birth parents cannot be located, the Coordinator releases all available information to the inquirer.
- If the birth parents are located, the Coordinator makes the initial contact on behalf of the inquiring person. The Coordinator advises the birth parents that the inquiring person wishes to establish contact, that he was never adopted, and that DYFS has no authority to conceal the name and address of the parents.

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In order to comply with the Revised Manual of Standards for adoption agencies (N.J.A.C. 10:121A) proof of identity must be obtained from any adult adoptee, birth family member, or adoptive parent requesting information from the Adoption Registry. Upon written or telephone request for information, the Adoption Registry Coordinator will advise the person that a copy of his driver's license, social security card or birth certificate is required before any information is released. Proof of identity can be checked and noted by the worker when a request for information is made in person.

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	Shantae D Blackwell DOB: 05/18/1981 AGE: 27 Year Old RELATIVES: Raheem Blackwell Tony Blackwell Antonio Blackwell S Blackwell	2532 MORGAN BLVD CAMDEN, NJ 08104 (856) 756-0110 Address 3:	Clementon, NJ Camden, NJ See all addresses	Avg. Income: \$41,160 Avg. Home Value: \$90,800
3	Shantae D Blackwell DOB: 05/18/1981 AGE: 27 Years Old	Address 1: 820 32ND CAMDEN, NJ 08105 (856) 968-0519	Camden, NJ See all addresses	Avg. Income: \$27,485 Avg. Home Value: \$46,500
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Location: Morris East DYFS Office 164 Speedwell Ave, Morristown, NJ

Date: July 15, 2009

Present:

State Investigator Nancy Scarafile
James Howell-Father of Ms. Howell

DV=State Investigator Dennis A. Villone DH=Ms. Denine Howell

Transcript of tape recorded telephone voice mail message from DYFS worker **Dolores Helb**, which was recorded on Ms. Denine Howell's cell phone.

DV: This is a tape recorded telephone call from the cell phone of Denine Howell, which was on December 9th 2008.

Ms. Howell would you play your recorded....

Note: Ms. Howell then plays the recorded voice mail message from her cell phone. Since she did not play the call on the speaker, the call was played and recorded twice. The second recording was played with the cell phone speaker on. Below is the transcript of the second recorded voice mail message.

DH: High Denine this is **Dolores Helb** at the Adoption Registry. Today is ah Tuesday and I wanted to let you know that I did get a response from one of your siblings. I wanted to give you a phone number where you could reach her. I am going to try your office, in the event that I don't reach you give me a call at (609) 292-8816 I am here today until four. Tomorrow is my last day here with the registry so (inaudible) we will connect before then. Bye, Bye.

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

OF.

DENINE HOWELL

This is a voluntary statement of Ms. Denine Howell. My name is Dennis A. Villone. I am a State Investigator with the New Jersey Division of Law. Also, present with me is State Investigator Nancy Scarafile, who is also with the New Jersey Division of Law. Additionally present is Ms. Howell's father, James Howell.

Today is day Wednesday, July 15 (2009) it is approximately 4:25 p.m..

We are with you today at the Morris East Office of the Division of Youth and Family Services, in Morristown, NJ at 164 Speedwell Avenue. Now I will ask you some identifying questions.

DV= State Investigator Dennis Villone.

DH= Denine Howell.

DV: Do you give this state voluntarily and of your own free will without coercion?

DH: Yes.

DV: What is your full name and spell your last name please?

DH: Denine Howell, D-E-N-I-N-E, Howell, H-O-W-E-L-L.

DV: What is your date of birth and social security number?

DH: 10/7/69, 151-54-4578.

DV: Where do you reside?

DH: Morristown, NJ, 295 Martin Luther King Avenue.

DV: Are under the influence of alcohol or any drugs or prescription medication at this time?

DH: No.

DV: It is my understanding that you contacted DAG James Harris regarding one Renee Blackwell, is that correct?

DH: Yes.

DV: Do you recall the date that you contacted Deputy Attorney General, which I will refer to him as DAG Harris?

DH: Um, I actually talked to him personally last Friday. I had gone through a few people in order to get to him. They were trying to figure out who was on the case. I spoke to him Thursday or Friday of last week.

DV: Would you explain in full detail how you contacted him and why you contacted him?

DH: Um, I contacted him because I saw the article in the newspaper about Ms. Blackwell's lawsuit and I wanted to come forward with the information that as to how I found her identity and to show that the State of New Jersey did not reveal anything to me regarding her identity. And in the article is says that DYFS was referring all comments to the Attorney General's Office so I called the Attorney General's Office.

DV: Which newspaper did you see this in?

DH: The Press of Atlantic City, the Philly News, and there was another one in that area and I forgot which one.

DV: Did you see them on line?

DH: Yes.

DV: When and how.....I am assuming that you know that you were adopted. Is that correct?

DH: Yes.

DV: When and how did you learn that you were adopted?

DH: My parents told me. When I was about.....very young, very young.

DV: Did you contact DYFS regarding your adoption?

DH: Yes.

DV: Okay! Why did you do that? When and whom did you speak with?

DH: I did that December 9, 2007. I spoke with Barbara Parnes, who sent me the information and the reason why was that I just wanted to find my biological family. Just to start a search.

DV: What type of information did she send you?

DH: She sent me the application with instructions. And that's all she sent me.

DV: What type of application is that?

DH: The Adoption Registry Application and a cover letter with the instructions.

DV: Is that one of the documents that you provided to me today?

DH: Yes.

DV: And what did this, Parnes is it?

DH: Yes.

DV: What did she, ah, How did she explain what you had to do?

DH: In the cover letter it just says that I can either ask for non identifying summary of facts regarding my adoption or search for a family member. She says I need to specify that on my application and provide any information that I had that could help them do the search and I had to prove, show proof of identity.

DV: Did you submit that application to her?

DH: Yes.

DV: And did she contact you after you submitted it and give you any information whatsoever?

DH: She contacted me on December 3 and said that my sister that she had a phone number for my sister and that my sister wanted to be contacted. Initially she said that the letter was going out to my mom, in August, when I had called about (inaudible) she said it takes about six months, so I called her back in August.

DV: Of which year?

DH: Oh, I'm sorry, 2008.

DV: What is your sister's name...? Let me start that again. She said that your sister wanted to contact you?

DH: Yes.

DV: Is that your biological sister?

DH: Yes.

DV: And did she give you her name or any way for you to contact her?

DH: My sister, when she contacted Ms. Parnes, she said that she wanted Ms. Parnes to give me her phone number and for me to give her a call, but not her address, which Ms. Parnes wouldn't give me anyway. So I had her phone number and her name. That's what Ms. Parnes gave me.

DV: Did you attempt to contact your sister?

DH: After that time, yes I did.

DV: What her name?

DH: Jenine.

DV: Did you have any success in speaking with her when you tried to contact her?

DH: Initially no. Whatever cell phone service, I found out later, she had, I called from this area, because she is from south Jersey, couldn't go through. So I did that for about a week or so, I was trying to get in contact with her, it was unsuccessfully.

DV: Why....When you didn't contact her did you do anything else in order to try and locate her or your biological mother?

DH: I took her name and I went on line and I just did a search. I just started cross referencing information, and that's how I figured out that Ms. Blackwell was my biological mom.

DV: Do you....Do you know what type of searches you did?

DH: Zaba.

DV: Excuse me!

DH: Zaba search dot com.

DV: Zaba?

DH: Yes.

DV: Okay! That's Z-A-B-A I believe?

DH: Yes, and they go through a system called Intelius. When you go through Zaba and you print a report out it goes through Intelius.

DV: Now the searches that you did, did you do them just on your biological mother, Renee Blackwell or did you also do them on your sister?

DH: No! I didn't know my mom's name, so I did it on my sister. I had know idea who my mom

was, so I did the search on my sister to try to figure out, if the number was wrong or whatever, so I did the search on my sister and when you do the search relatives come up and kinda have to, the relatives come up on the side so you kinda have to do a little bit of playing around and futzen around with to try to put the information together, so once I kinda put two and two together I then did a search on Renee to see if it cross referenced Jenine.

DV: Is Jenine's last name Blackwell also?

DH: Yes.

DV: I didn't know whether she was married, that is why asked.

DH: Her name....She was married at one point, but her name is Blackwell, Yes.

DV: Now once you obtained the information from the search, what did you do with it?

DH: That was on December 13, I thought about it for a while.

DV: Which year?

DH: I'm sorry, 2008. I thought about it for a while and I had a bunch of, since my sister wanted to be contacted, there was one specific address that had, you know, coming up or whatever, and I was just playing with it. So I just took a stab in the dark and I went to that address.

DV: Do you know what, you recall the address?

DH: Oh yeah, sure. (pause) Ah, 201 Columbia Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

DV: Now is that your sister's address?

DH: That address came up from my sister's (inaudible) confirmed address, Apartment D is her confirmed address. Yes, and also for, who I thought to be my brother. I wasn't sure at that time, but it turns out that it was.

DV: What's your brother's name?

DH: Sean D. Blackwell.

DV: Do you remember or recall when you went, what date you went to?

DH: December 13.

D.V.: Of 2008?

DH: 2008, I'm sorry.

DV: When you went there, approximately what time of day was that?

DH: In the afternoon, had to be about 2 or 3.

DV: And what was the result?

DH: (inaudible) My mom came to the door.

DV: Did you know that she was there?

DH: No, that was not what, no I had no idea that she was there.

DV: And,

DH: Because she has various addresses also too. Like, you get a bunch of addresses and you don't, you don't know.

DV: And what was the conversation when you met with your mother?

DH: Um, (inaudible) when she opened the door I kinda knew that's who it was because facially we resemble each other. I just asked her if, who she was and I asked her if she had given a child up for adoption and she said yes. She verified who she was. She said yes and I told I thought that maybe I was that, you know, that child and then she stated the reasons why, the reason why she gave me up for adoption and that was pretty much it.

DV: What reason was that?

DH: She said that she was raped.

DV: Since that day, December 13 of 2008, have you had any contact with your mother or your sister since then?

DH: My sister and I have a relationship. My mother, no. Since that incident when she said I let her know at that point that she would never, I apol....you know, I'm sorry you will never hear from me again, I didn't come here for that, you know, and I made that known when I left. So no.

DV: Did she tell you that she didn't want to have any contact with you?

DH: No, but the way the conversation went it was very well inferred and the message was given and the message was received.

DV: Just to be clear, did DYFS release any of that information to you at all?

DH: No, no, no. DYFS just gave me Jenine's name because Jenine responded and she wanted to be contacted. I being the person I am, I did the rest all by myself. Ms. Parnes did nothing at all.

DV: Investigator Scarafile, do you have any questions? (Investigator Scarafile nods her head no).

DV: Is there anything that you would like to add to this statement?

DH: No. When Ms. Parnes talked on the phone, Ms. Parnes, she asked me had I gone there? I told her no because I was afraid, but I was afraid (inaudible).

DV: Okay, when was that?

DH: That was the same day on December 15, my sister was on the phone wondering why I hadn't contacted her, the day that my mom was on the phone and the day that I was on the phone trying to get in touch with my sister.

DV: December 15, you saying?

DH: Yes.

DV: Okay, but you went to see your mother on the thirteenth.

DH: On the 13th. Yes, I still hadn't gotten in touch with my sister yet. That's the reason. I had left a message with Ms. Panes about a week before on her voice mail. So my sister was wondering why I hadn't contacted her and I thought I had the wrong number, so we're both going back and forth with the phone number thing and Ms. Blackwell was on the other line upset about the encounter, the encounter on that Saturday.

DV: Okay, and that's December 15 of 2008?

DH: Yes.

DV: This completes the statement, your statement. The time is 4:38 p.m. on July 15, 2009, unless you have anything else you would like to add?

DH: Do you want to hear the message from the State to me?

DV: Yes I would.

DH: Okay.

DV: Let me just turn this off.

Note: The message is a voice mail message that was previously recorded on the cell phone of Ms. Howell. This message was played and recorded on a separate cassette tape.